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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner,

This response is a reply to the Restriction Requirement dated April 5, 2007, having a shortened statutory period that expired on September 21, 2006 and a three-month extension that expired on December 21, 2007.

The application was unintentionally abandoned on February 9, 2007. Since the time of abandonment, Applicants became the assignees and recorded the assignments on October 10, 2007 (see Reel/Frame: 019940/0402), and has sought new counsel in November 2007 to prosecute the application. Hence, in addition to this election, Applicants are submitting Form PTO/SB/64 ("Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b)"), Form PTO/SB/82 ("Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address"), Form PTO/SB/22 ("Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a)"), Form PTO/SB/14 ("Application Data Sheet 37 CFR 1.76"), Form PTO/SB/01A ("Declaration (37 CFR 1.63) for Utility or Design Application Using An Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76)"), and fees.

With respect to **Election/Restrictions**, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, Claims 1-13, drawn to a method for detecting an analyte, classified in class 436, subclass 526.

With respect to **Election of Species within Group I**, Applicants hereby elect with traverse "centrifugal force" (claim 7).

The claims in the application involve related, overlapping subject matter, namely detecting biological analyte(s). Such detection involves immobilizing the analytes on a surface, applying a force to move the analytes to the surface and optionally reversing the force, and detecting analytes that remain bound on the surface. The devices that are claimed provide mechanisms for performing the methods. See, e.g., Specification, Abstract. The search can therefore be directed towards the overall analyte detection as opposed to a specific condition. Thus, Applicants believe that it may still be possible to carry out a search without an undue burden on the examiner. "If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions." See MPEP § 803. Accordingly, withdrawal of the restrictions is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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